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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006, for which a response is initially due on or before October 31, 2006. Accordingly, an extension of time in which to respond is requested and the requisite fee accompanies this response. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A Listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.